

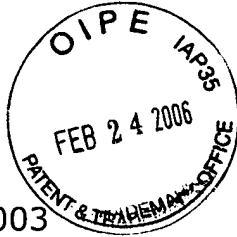
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A WASHER OR LID DEFINED BY A TEMPERED
GLASS PANEL BORDERED BY AN OPEN FRAME-LIKE
ENCAPSULATION OF ONE-PIECE INJECTION MOLDED
POLYMERIC/COPOLYMERIC SYNTHETIC PLASTIC MATERIAL

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RESPONSE AND AFFIRMATION OF ELECTION

Sir:

Contemporaneously with the payment of the issue and publication fees and responsive to the Examiner's requirement in the November 22, 2005 Notice of Allowability (page 3, first full paragraph), Applicant herewith affirms the earlier oral election, absent traverse, to prosecute the invention of Group I, namely, Claims 40-47, 53, 55, 57, 59, 61, 63, 65 and 66.

Respectfully submitted,

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